(b) whether it is also a fact that when the movement of bogies/wagons is stopped, the goods are sent through parcel in bogies;

(c) how much loss is suffered by the Railways when the goods are sent through parcel in bogies/wagons; and

(d) what steps are being taken to save this loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Introduction of Clean Train Station System

1306. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways are considering to introduce a Clean Train Station System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Railways are considering to introduce a national Enquiry System; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) The Pilot Project of this Scheme was introduced in Ratlam station of Western Railway in August, 2003. Till December, 2005, the scheme has been made operational in the following stations:

Bhusaval/Central Railway;
Asansol/Eastern Railway;
Vishakapatnam/East Coast Railway;
New Jalpaiguri/Northeast Frontier Railway;
Guwahati/Northeast Frontier Railway;

(c) and (d) With a view to make the facility of rail telephone enquiry available to maximum number of telephone users, Railways are setting up Integrated Train Enquiry System which will consist of both Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) and manual enquiry provisions for dissemination of information on train running status. PNR status & availability of accommodation. This system has already been set up at

Patna and Bangalore on trial basis and based on its successful working; this is now going to be set up in all the remaining telecom circles covering all the Zonal Railways. Any passenger in the telecom circle desiring to make enquiry will dial a universal number 139 as a local call without prefixing any Subscriber Trunk Dialing (STD) code and get connected to Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS). Even for a manual enquiry, he will be guided through Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS).

Gauge Conversion

1307. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of gauge conversion works going on at present in the country, Railway-zone-wise;

(b) the details of financial allocations made for this purpose during the Tenth Plan; and

(c) the total funds incurred, so far; on these projects in the country, Railway-zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (c) As per Pink Book 2005-06, the number of gauge conversion projects in progress and expenditure incurred on these upto 31.03.2005, zone-wise, is as under:

Railway	No. of projects	Approx. expenditure incurred upto 31.03.2005 (Rs. in crores)
Central	1	220
North Eastern	5	285
Northeast Frontier	6	1952
Southern	7	513
South Central	5	903
South Eastern	3	208
Western	6	571
East Central	4	175
East Coast	1	28
North Central	1	0.11
North Western	6	183
South East Central	2	149
South West	4	578